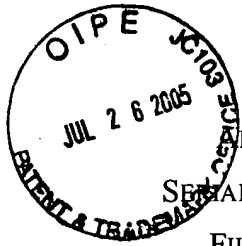


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed January 26, 2005 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension, these documents are due on or before July 26, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee.

Applicants submit this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 25669-014 CIP CON.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.